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PRESENTATION - Cheryl Hartsell (left) presents Peggy Pyle with a commemorative plaque honoring her 35 years of service to First Community Bank.

Pyle honored for 35 years of service

When Peggy Pyle first reported for duty at First Community Bank, there was not a single computer in the building. That was March 21, 1978. Now, the place hardly has any filing cabinets, as all files are now electronic, stored on computers.

As a 21-year-old, Pyle was hired by Robert Lee Beech. Since then, she has worked in the bookkeeping department, as head teller, and in new accounts/customer service where she now works.

Last Wednesday, March 21, on the 35th anniversary of her first day with the bank, a celebration was held in Pyle's honor, including lunch, roses, and a plaque of recognition for her years of service.

"I'm not retiring," Pyle said with a laugh. She feels like she has several years left with the bank.

"I feel blessed that I've been able to work in my hometown," she said.

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Local Weather

Wed 3/27 50/33

Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.

Thu 3/28 56/40

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Fri 3/29 56/43

Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Sat 3/30 61/50

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 50s.

Sun 3/31 63/47

Showers possible. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

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FOOD AND WATER? ✓ SHELTER? ✓ PLAN? ✓

Storm season in Hickman County

Daniel Richardson

As we move into the second week of spring, the weather is not much different than it was in January, with the temperature barely reaching above 40 degrees.

In Kentucky, March is designated as Severe Weather Preparedness Month. Scott Smith, assistant director of Hickman County Emergency Management, says there is plenty that Hickman Countians can do to prepare themselves and their families for severe weather events.

And everyone should take action, according to Smith.

While it's been several years since Hickman County fell victim to a large tornado, Smith says that there are other severe events that we have to contend with on a more regular basis, like straight-line winds and flooding. He says that with the current advancements in technology, it's important that people be more prepared and stay abreast of weather conditions.

"People should not rely on our outdoor warning sirens for notice of impending severe weather," he said. "They are made to alert those who are outside." Smith says that those working inside a factory or driving a tractor will most likely not hear the outdoor sirens.

"I think one of the most important things that a business or home can have is a weather radio," Smith said. A weather radio can be purchased for around $40 and can be programmed specifically for Hickman County.

Smith also talked about measures that are taken locally to reduce the impact of severe weather. When severe conditions are expected, weather

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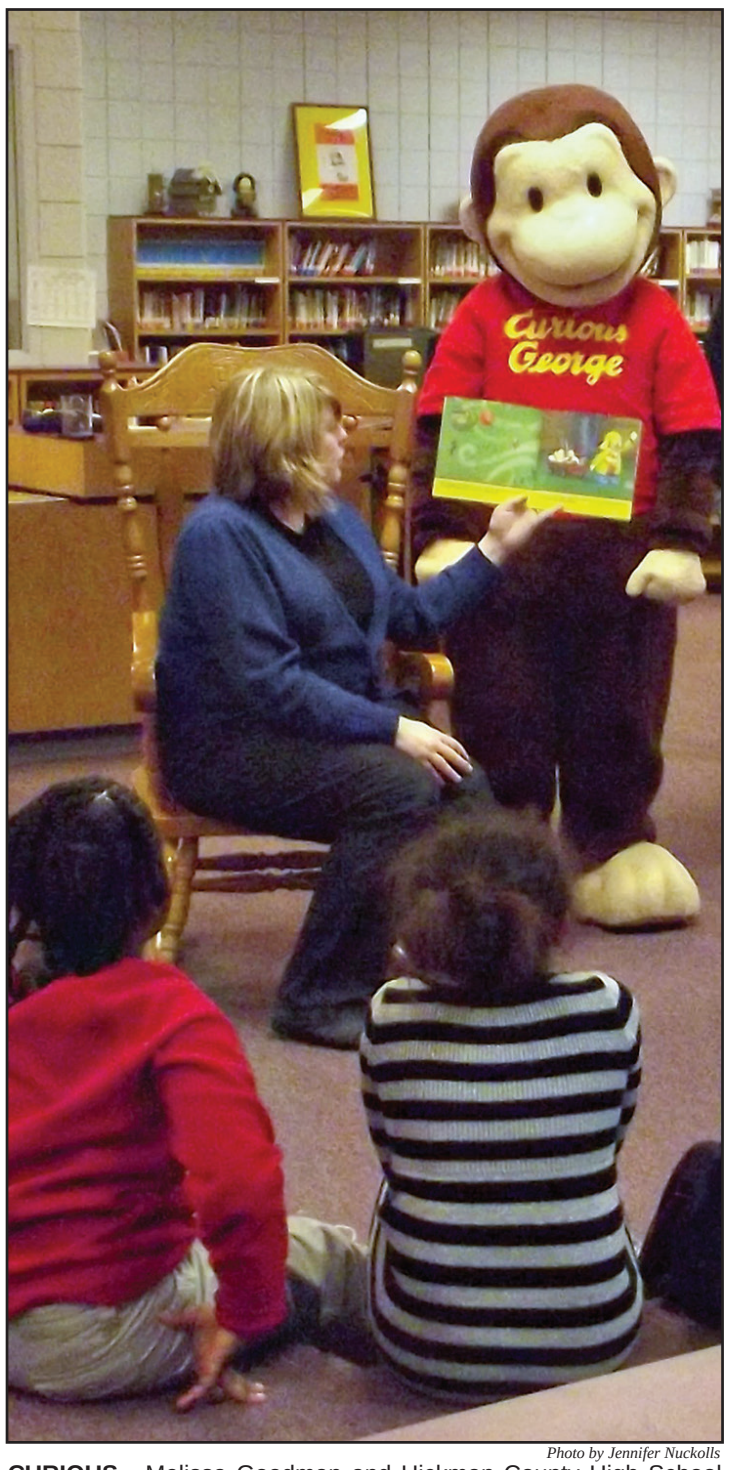

Photo by Jennifer Nuckolls

CURIOUS - Melissa Goodman and Hickman County High School Student Erika Stairs, dressed as Curious George, educated children on weather and wind direction Thursday night.

HCES students get "Curious" about weather

Jennifer Nuckolls

More than 36 preschoolers, kindergarteners, and first-graders and their parents attended Family Night on March 21 at the Hickman County Elementary Library.

The event was sponsored by the KAPS Family Resource Center, along with the Four-River Counties Early Childhood Council, and the Hickman County Cooperative Extension Service.

Vickie Batts, coordinator of the KAPS Family Resource Center, welcomed the students and guests.

Hickman County Agent for Extension Family and Consumer Science Melissa Goodman next took the attention of the guests by reading "Curious George Rain or Shine" to the students. The book was about predicting the weather with the help of everyone's favorite fictional monkey Curious George.

Goodman engaged the children in conversation, talking about meteorology and the importance of knowing weather conditions, and what to expect when bad weather approaches. A special appearance by Curious George, played by HCHS sophomore Erika Stairs, added extra fun to the evening.

After the book reading, the students and parents marched to the school cafeteria where they broke off into groups for the remainder of the night. As a hands-on project, the children made wind socks, just like Curious George did in the book. Afterwards, Lisa Adams helped with snack time, making rainbows out of colored pudding with the children.

Throughout the night, Goodman reminded the students about the importance of staying active. She informed them that they should get at least one hour of exercise each day. The students participated in an activity pretending to be raindrops in different weather conditions, such as tornados and hurricanes. After they completed this exercise, Goodman pointed out that their hearts beating rapidly helped get oxygen to their brains more quickly.

At the end of the night, each student was given a literacy bag, including their own copy of "Curious George Rain or Shine."

School board hot over lack of nurse

"We've been getting half services all year"
- HC Schools Superintendent Kenny Wilson

Daniel Richardson

Hickman County Superintendent Kenny Wilson's voice rose a little while he explained the situation to the school board in last Thursday night's meeting regarding the lack of a school nurse. The Hickman County Board of Education (HCBOE) has been paying for a full-time nurse all year, and have only had a part-time nurse. He said that the Purchase District Health Department was supposed to advertise for a school nurse to fill in. They had one applicant, who thought about it for a day and declined. The department did not contact the HCBOE about the issue.

"We found out last week that we went several days without having a school nurse," he said. "We've had half services all year."

He told the board that Hickman County Schools will not be sending this month's check to Paducah, and that Jim Brien, the board's attorney, was working on the issue.

Hickman County Elementary Principal Jan Johnson gave a report in which she spoke about some exciting events coming up in the next month as she addressed the board.

She reported that the Watch D.O.G. (Dads of Great Students) program is continuing to be a success. As part of the program, fathers of elementary students spend a day at the school and interact with the students.

"For the past couple of weeks we have had a dad in the building every day," she said. The dads start the day by meeting with Johnson for orientation, then they go help the car riders, then get a photo made with their students for

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2013 National County Health Rankings released

Hickman County falls to 61 in county health rankings

For the second year in a row, Oldham County has the healthiest residents in the Commonwealth, according to the fourth annual County Health Rankings released today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

Hickman County, ranked 31st last year, this year drops 30 places, falling to 61st in the state. Last year, nearby Calloway County was ranked 3rd, and this year they dropped six points to 9th place overall. *See box at right to see how Hickman County stacks up against other counties in the Jackson Purchase.

This annual report takes a look at multiple factors that influence the health of communities and assesses counties' health outcomes and health factors, for example, lifestyle and access to care, that also impact health and wellbeing. This is the second year in a row Oldham County has led the list for health outcomes.

"This report demonstrates public health successes and highlights opportunities for improvement in counties across the state," said Kentucky Public Health Commissioner Stephanie Mayfield Gibson, M.D. "It helps us understand the factors leading to health in

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National County Health Rankings

	2013	2012
Calloway	9	3
Graves	33	41
McCracken	37	45
Carlisle	44	80
Hickman	61	31
Fulton	77	111
Ballard	92	82

*Out of 120 Counties

Health Outcome for Hickman County

Mortality	82
Morbidity	31
Health Factors	57
Health Behaviors	74
Clinical Care	70
Social & Economic Factors	40
Physical Environment	76

FCB expanding north

Daniel Richardson

First Community Bank of West Kentucky is expanding its horizons with a recent "definitive agreement" to acquire The Ballard-Kevil Bancorp, Inc., the holding company for Kevil Bank, in Kevil.

The transaction is subject to regulatory approval and other customary conditions and is expected to be finalized by May.

According to Bruce Kimbell, President of FCB, the customers of Kevil Bank will not see any immediate changes in banking services. They will still be able to use their current checks until they run out, and any automatic deposits of paychecks, as well as automatic drafts for bills, will continue as they have in the past.

And the staff at Kevil Bank will also remain basically the same, with the only immediate changes being the retirement of David Blaine, current CEO of Ballard-Kevil Bancorp, Inc., and current president Tim Goodwin making the transition to senior vice president for the newest branch of FCB.

Kevil Bank has reported assets of $31 million and has been in Blaine's family for three generations, as his mother, Yvonne Miller Blaine, led the bank before him, and his grandfather, W.G. Miller, before her.

"Our goal will be to carry on that heritage, and the long-held tradition of service-

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Plant the Town ready to bloom

Charlotte Smith

Spring officially arrived in not so warm a fashion last Wednesday, March 20.

And members of "Plant the Town" are looking to heat things up by adding a splash of color just in time for the Chicken Festival during the last weekend of April.

"We will be meeting on Thursday, March 28 at 4 p.m.," stated Plant the Town chair Ivan Potter, "to have everyone come together and organize our work of cleaning up Clinton and Hickman County."

This organizational meeting will take place in the meeting room of Mary Potter's law office on North Washington Street.

The community-wide planting and cleaning up will take place on Saturday, April 20, one week before the big Chicken Fest weekend.

Last year, volunteers of "Plant the Town" were responsible for the planting of more than 200 annual flowers, the placement of 14 flower boxes, the prepping of two "Welcome to Clinton" signs, and the landscaping both at the southeast corner of the courthouse and at Peerless Premier on Moss Drive.

In three short hours last spring, five Master Gardeners and 51 volunteers successfully planted a new seed of pride in the community. "This year 'Plant the Town' has a new theme," added Potter. "This year our theme is coordination and spirit because when we all work together, we get a lot more accomplished."

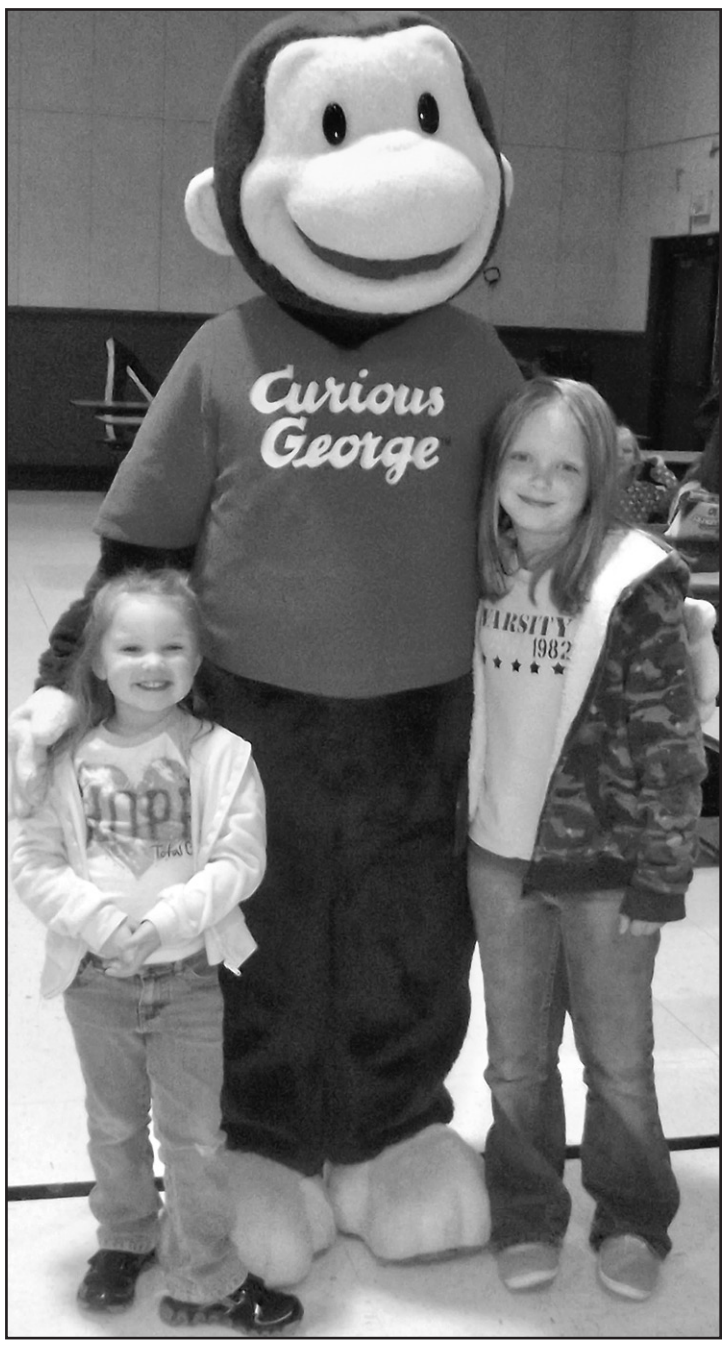
All this was accomplished last year with community power and pride that involved both Clinton and First Community banks, 10 local merchants, the Chamber of Commerce, the Hickman County Arts Council, county government, city government, clubs from the Hickman County schools, and some national corporations.

Potter wants to involve all beautification groups in Clinton, Hickman County, and Columbus this year.

During the March meeting of the Columbus City Council, council members discussed having a town clean-up day on Saturday, May 18. They were also interested in adding new planter boxes in six different locations in Columbus.

"On April 20, we hope again to have a small army of volunteers to help, cleaning up trash and planting flowers," Potter said. "We have other plans for a clean-up day in conjunction with the arrival of fall and Civil War Days.

"This day can be another time when residents from Clinton, Columbus, and the whole county work together to beautify this space which everyone loves to call home," Potter said.



FUN WITH GEORGE - McKenzie Beasley and Abigail Reynolds, daughters of Amanda Beasley, pose with Curious George at Family Night on Thursday March 21.

Rankings From Pg. 1

different parts of the state and how those factors result in various patterns. This information can be used to frame further community discussions as we move forward in building a healthier Kentucky. "

The rankings take into consideration health outcomes, such as illness and death rates, as well as factors that influence health, like smoking; access to health care; socioeconomic status; and physical environment. *See Hickman County's health outcomes in the __ box. These are the factors utilized to determine the county ranking out of 120 counties in Kentucky.

According to the 2013 rankings, the five counties in Kentucky that ranked highest for health outcomes, including number one Oldham, are Boone, Shelby, Lyon, and Spencer. The five counties in Kentucky with the highest health factors are Oldham, Woodford, Boone, Fayette and Scott.

"We all have a stake in creating a healthier community, and no single sector alone can tackle the health challenges in any given community," said Patrick Remington, MD, MPH, professor and associate dean at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. "Collaboration is critical. The Rankings are sparking action all over the country as people from all sectors join forces to create new possibilities in health—county by county."

The report examined numerous health factors that affect health within four categories: health behavior, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment. Some specific factors of study included rates of adult smoking; adult obesity; excessive drinking among adults; and teenage births. The report also assessed issues such as the number of uninsured adults, availability of primary care providers, children in poverty, and preventable hospital stays.

More information can be found at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

FCB From Pg. 1

oriented, reliable community banking that Kevil is known for," Goodwin said.

He added, "We are pleased to join forces with First Community Bank to provide enhanced and long-term value to our customers and community. The combination with FCB will provide greater capital resources and operational scale that will allow us to grow as part of a larger community bank."

FCB is also in the process of adding another branch in La Center. The two locations will provide the Clinton-based bank a strong position in Ballard County.

Concluding, Kimbell said, "We are excited about the opportunity to further expand our brand of commonsense community banking. FCB has a long history of meeting the banking needs of the entire community, whether they be agricultural, commercial or consumer.

"We look forward to working with our new employees to further build on that heritage," he said.

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the "hall of fame." The dads also make an announcement over the PA system introducing themselves to the students. The dads watch and interact with the students during recess, and lunch as well.

"The interaction has been so positive," she said.

Johnson also commented on the addition of Danny Carr, school security officer. She said that the school has had great results from just having Carr in the building.

Hickman County High School (HCHS) Principal Larry Farlee gave a brief presentation about the high school, and started with the announcement that there were only 36 more days until graduation. He said that he was very pleased with the success of Operation Preparation, where the eighth and tenth graders got together with select community members and discussed college preparation.

Farlee mentioned that the athletic banquet is scheduled for Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m., and a blood drive the following day.

Fourteen FBLA students qualified for state competition. That competition will be held on April 8, 9, and 10, and FBLA will be taking a trip to New York on April 16-19.

He announced that Darian Irvan, the Ag teacher, is taking a group of interested students to Paducah to the River Museum to learn about potential careers on the river.

Farlee reported that there are some very high scores coming in from the most recent ACT test taken by the high school students. He did not know the composite score because some of the scores had not come in yet, but was confident that they would beat last years 19.5 average.

Hickman County Sheriff Mark Green was present at the meeting, and asked the board's permission to conduct a gun safety course for preschool through third grade students. The program is based on "Stop, don't touch, leave the area, and tell an adult" approach. The board approved the course, which will take place sometime in April.

Supt. Wilson took the opportunity to commend Green on the Sheriff's Department's role in the recent photo I.D. distribution for the ACT. This allowed the freshmen and sophomores who may not have driver's licenses to present a photo I.D. to test administrators when taking the ACT.

In his personnel report, Supt. Wilson told the board that the positions of Bettie Brazzell, Nicole Lambert, and Wanda Sandling have been eliminated for 2013-2014. Shana Spinda, Todd Johnson, and Dianne Owen will resign at the end of this school year, and the contracts of Emily Easley and Chad Wells were not renewed for 2013-2014. Robert Heisel was hired as a bus driver.

Supt. Wilson announced on April 30 the Kentucky Leads the Nation Summit will be held at HCHS. Robbie Rudolph, along with the presidents of the three universities that partner with Falcon Academy will attend the event. Wilson said that the event is likely to be the biggest event in school history.

He highlighted the recent selection of Erika Stairs to attend Gatton Academy, a prestigious academy that she will attend for her junior and senior year of high school.

Supt. Wilson also commended the efforts of Asst. Superintendent Casey Henderson, whose efforts led to the designation of Hickman County Schools as a "Storm Ready School System" by the National Weather Service. He noted that Hickman County is the first school district in the state to achieve this honor.

He ended his report by vocalizing his disgust over the recent announcement that Murray State University is not renewing the contract of longtime President Dr. Randy Dunn, who has done as much as any for the Falcon Academy.

"He is one of the greatest allies for kids on the western end of the state," he said.

Storms From Pg. 1

spotters are placed in strategic locations throughout the county to monitor cloud formations to give a more specific view of what is going on locally, in addition to relying on regional weather services.

These spotters are trained through the National Weather Service office at Paducah to study cloud formations, wind speeds, hail size, etc. Several of them have handheld wind meters, and all are trained to study tree movement to get an estimate of wind speed.

In order to classify as a severe storm, a storm's wind speeds must reach 58 miles per hour. When severe conditions are observed, the outdoor warning siren sounds, and a call is made through Code Red to warn residents of the conditions.

All land lines in the county are in the database for Code Red, but some cell phones may not be. Residents concerned about not getting a call or who have recently missed Code Red calls can call the Hickman County Judge/Executive's office at 653-4369 to ensure that their phone number is in the system.

When hazardous conditions are present, Smith said that the safest place to be is below ground in a storm shelter or in a basement.

"If you live in a mobile home," he said, "you don't need to stay there during a tornado."

According to Smith, the best thing a family can do to prepare for a severe weather event is to have a plan. While most sources recommend keeping a three-day supply of food and water on hand, Smith recommends at least five days' worth, and that includes a gallon of drinking water per person per day. One of the most important things for people to have on hand are prescription medications.

While stockpiling medications is not always possible, Smith says that those on prescriptions, especially senior citizens, should always have at least a week's supply on hand. In other words, don't wait until the last day to have your prescription refilled.

Smith looks at some storms differently, depending on the direction from which they are coming.

"Storms coming from different directions mean different things for us," Smith said. "As severe storms come across Missouri and hit the river and the Columbus bluff, they sometimes jump over us."

Storms coming across western Tennessee worry Smith the most, although they normally only affect the southern portion of the county.

One event that consistently affects Hickman County year after year is flooding. Smith said that the key thing to remember with flooded roadways is, "Turn around, don't drown."

He said to remember that it takes only 18 inches of water to wash a car off the road. "People should never drive across a flooded road," Smith said. "You never know how deep the water is or even if the road has washed away underneath the water."

After a severe storm, Smith said that sightseeing should be limited to your immediate surroundings.

"Don't get out unless you have a good reason to," he said. He said that it's extremely difficult for emergency personnel to navigate the roadways when they are bogged down with curious onlookers.

The best way to help after a severe weather event is to concentrate on your family and immediate neighbors, while being extremely cautious of downed power lines, trees that may be about to fall, and flooded roadways.

March, April, and May are the primary months for severe weather in Kentucky, and this year is turning out to be no exception.

Be prepared for this year's severe weather with a plan and a safe location, five days' worth of food and water, medication, and a working weather radio.

District Court

Not an official court docket

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 3/25/13. This is not an official docket.

John V. Glass III. Speed 10 Mph. Over (Limited Access). 6 mo. diversion entered. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Dismiss on proof shown.

Michael G. Kendall. Alcohol Intoxication in a Public Place 1st & 2nd. Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree. Pleaded not guilty. Preliminary hearing set for 4/15/13.

Justin Robert Knight. Communication Device Violation, 1st. Off. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Pleaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. $100 fine. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Dismiss on proof.

Steven Walker. Harassing Communications. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 4/8/13. Found in contempt. Sentenced five days for dishonest with court.

Justin W. Jenkins. Other Hearing. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. Pleaded guilty. Fine suspended. Rear License Not Illuminated. Dismiss.

Jerome Johnson. Other Hearing. Wanton Endangerment- 1st Degree. Wanton Endangerment- 2nd Degree. Fleeing or Evading Police, 2nd Degree (On Foot). Driving on DUI Suspended License- 1st Offense. Continued to 4/8/13.

Leroy Brown. Diversion completion. Dismiss on compliance.

Roy E. Weatherspoon. Diversion Completion. Dismiss on compliance.

Jovan G. Westmoreland. Diversion Completion. Dismiss on compliance.

Tracy Elaine Ferguson. Review.

Ricky Floyd. Pretrial Conference. Failure to Wear Seatbelts. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine, suspended. No Operator's/Moped License. Pleaded guilty. 30 days conditionally discharged two years. $100 fine.

Kenneth O. Harris. Pretrial Conference. Speeding 11 Mph. Over Limit. Pleaded guilty. Fine suspended. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pleaded guilty. $100 fine, 30 days conditionally discharged two years. Failure of Non-Owner Operator to Maintain Req. Insurance, 1st. Pleaded guilty. $100 fine. 30 days conditionally discharged two years.

Anthony R. Hollowell. Pretrial Conference. Final pretrial conference 6/17/13. Jury Trial 6/19/13.

Barry Knox. Pretrial Conference. Continue Pretrial conference to 4/15/13.

Salvador Byassee. Suppression Hearing. Motion Denied (overruled). Final Pretrial conference set for 7/15/13. Jury trial 7/24/13.

Afton E. Guhy. Preliminary Hearing continued to 4/15/13.

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Editorial / Opinion

My View

By Dennis Richardson

Cruising along

What is it with all the bad news cruise ships are running into lately? And why are all the ships Carnival ships?

Even the cruise ship that sank in the Mediterranean (the one with the chicken-liver of a Captain who luckily fell overboard into a life boat) was owned by Cunard, a part of the Carnival company.

In recent years we have taken cruises on Carnival ships: the "Triumph", the "Liberty", the "Glory" and the "Victory". We experienced no problems, especially none like the ones that beset cruise passengers and crews over the past few months.

Once in a blue moon we had heard of someone missing from a cruise, never to be found again, but since most of the cruises hug the coastlines they are generally considered safe and fun.

But even the very first Carnival ship had its problems. Carnival bought the "Empress of Canada" for $6.5 million in 1972 and hired Ted Arison as manager. It renamed the ship The "Mardis Gras". The ship was loaded with travel agents on its maiden voyage when it became stuck just out of Miami. Travel agents were apparently unimpressed with the ship even though the story is that while stuck the company, facing financial ruin with the possibility of having to refund a lot of tickets, threw a party instead. When other cruise ships sailed by they saw passengers on the "Mardis Gras" having a lot of fun, hence the nickname "Party ships" was given to the Carnival ships. That changed the cruise ship industry.

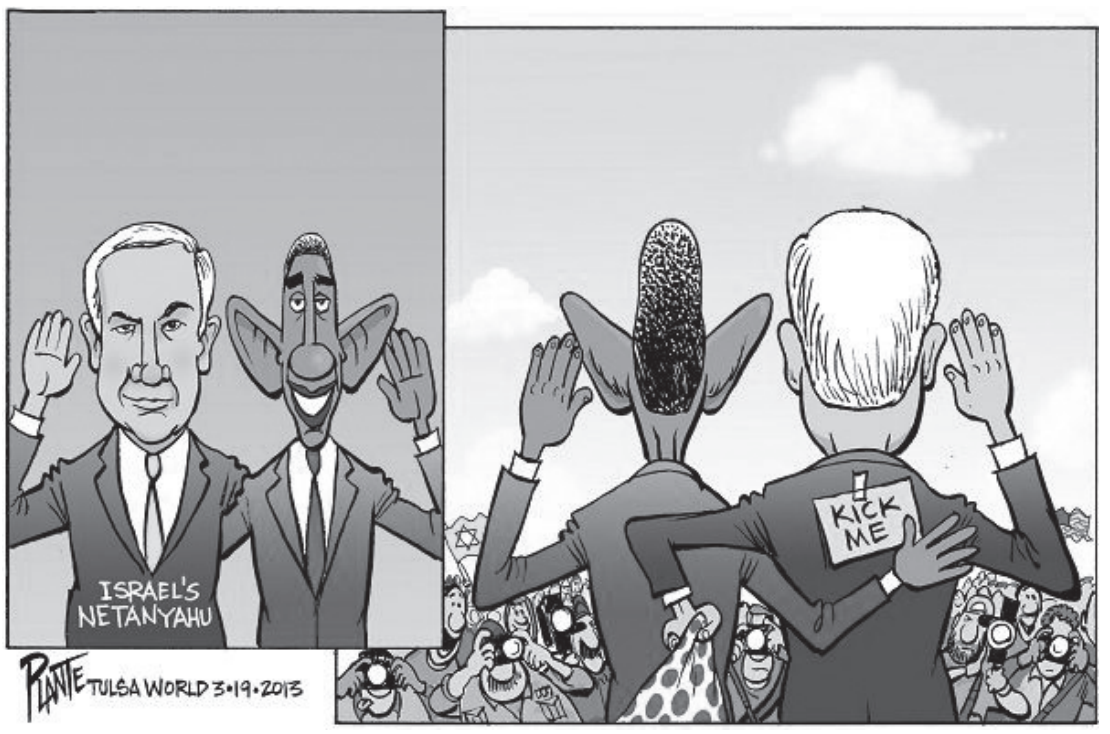
When the cruise line faced bankruptcy Arison pledged $1 million to take over the responsibility of $5 million in debt. He refurbished the ship and added a casino. Then he bought two more ships from bankruptcies.

I have an idea the company will correct whatever is the cause of the recent problems and continue to offer luxury vacations. They don't make any money if they sail less than full occupancy.

As a matter of fact, right now would be a great time to be on one of those warm Caribbean cruise trips, whether it be on ships operated by Carnival, Celebrity, Norwegian or Royal Caribbean.

We can't go this spring because of other commitments, but otherwise we would put it high on our list.

All in all, to me, cruises offer a bargain vacation. Many times for less than a $1,000 a couple can take a seven-day cruise, visit exotic ports, and eat fantastic meals. Cruises are "all-inclusive" and when the transportation and meals are added to a traditional hotel/resort stay I think it adds up to a good deal.



In Courage

By Beth Amonett

Thinking of Eden

Easter is my personal favorite time of year. The entire panoramic experience of Jesus from prophecy to resurrection bears down on Believers as we remember in reverence and tenderness the end of the Son of Man in time, as we know it, and the beginning of the final covenant of salvation and eternal life for humankind.

The resurrection of Jesus broke the curse of death that entered into man in the Garden of Eden. To understand the battle of good and evil that we encounter in the world is to touch the heartbeat of the gospel, and to experience the Truth of Jesus means that we are "born again". But all that is gibberish to many people, except for those who understand He is Life. Experiencing Jesus the Savior must be a personal encounter, because, sadly, we humans believe everything is all about us. It is not and to understand why, we must go to Eden.

When God created Adam and Eve, he made them physically and spiritually alive. That meant they were eternal beings in full communion with God and each other; totally known, secure, safe, warm in the constant sense of belonging, and with full discernment of their significance and importance. In Eden's garden, there was the tree of life. Those that ate from that tree would never die. However, there was also the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; which was the only tree Adam and Eve were told from which not to eat. The fruit from this tree introduced evil into the garden and Adam and Eve became more creature than created beings.

When Adam and Eve ate this fruit they died spiritually. Though still physically alive; death was an inevitable certainty and their knowledge was "veiled or darkened" because they no longer had direct fellowship with God. Therefore, their perception of reality became distorted and knowing someone or something became about direct sensory relationship; seeing, hearing, feeling, needing, wanting.

It is like someone who lived in a room for a lifetime, never knowing there was so much more just beyond the walls. Such is the Kingdom of God; it is just that close. But when Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden because of disobedience, you and I inherited physical life but spiritual death. We are set apart "from" God and "for" God; both at the same time. We are indeed wandering blindly seeking our own way; many still not knowing that there is so much more beyond the walls of our own understanding and self-seeking ways.

Being merciful, God made a way to reconcile us to him. He sent his son, Jesus. It is his life, death, and resurrection that is the door for you and me to know Eden once more. Because of Jesus, though we will surely die, yet we will live forever. If we accept him by giving our lives to Jesus, we will become spiritually alive and regain what Adam and Eve so tragically lost in Eden—eternal life and complete fellowship with God.

Jesus demonstrated life after death at his resurrection. So it will be for his Believers. But, we don't have to wait for the abundant life Jesus promised when he proclaimed, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10b. When we accept Jesus as the Son the God, repent of our sins, and give our lives to him, we can begin instantly to experience a new sort of existence. Though we don't understand it then, this new life is one of victory.

I often think that God as the Father and Jesus as the Son, would not be any more politically correct today than he was during his life on earth. He so incensed the Pharisees and stirred up the people that the outcry reached the very halls of government. They killed him never understanding the victory was his for he would rise from death three days later, and break those dark chains forever.

This Holy Week I will be 63 years old. I realize more each day that we are here for such a short space of time, and if we are not careful, will believe that this is everything, when our space of time is only a minuscule part of everything. I heard a TV personality state that "reality is evolving and so we should with it". I thought of God and that he never changes as scripture tells us often. I must remind myself of it. Reality doesn't change. It is only our perception of it that changes. Looking back 63 years, I see the enormous shift in culture we have experienced. Yet the reality has never changed.

This Sunday more people will attend a church service than any other time of year. I pray that we will all experience the Living Christ. He is not just an idea or belief; He is God. Because Jesus lived, died, and rose again, we have access to a deeply personal relationship with Him.

I don't like to think of Jesus hanging on a cross even though I know he isn't there anymore. I look forward to the time when we can walk with him in Eden; in that beautiful garden where there will be no sadness or tears. Until then, we remember—He is alive!!

As I finish this, it is very late on Sunday night; Palm Sunday we call it. It will be a week of very much activity for all of us. Family, church, food, beautiful music, and I imagine a few bunnies will be hopping around. Happy Easter, everyone. Until next week . . . in courage, my friend.

All comments, stories, and/or hellos are welcomed and desired. Please send to bethamonett@gmail.com or friend me on www.facebook.com/bethamonett. You can never have too many friends!

Q and A With Makenna Leblanc

Last week was a very important week for Hickman County. It was National Agriculture Week. Agriculture is something that our community has thrived on for centuries. To find out more about agriculture and its effect on Hickman County, I interviewed Darian Irvan, the Hickman County High School Agriculture teacher

Q. What is the importance of agriculture in our community?

A. Agriculture is extremely important in our community. Farmers in our county raise anything from crops, poultry, cattle, to swine. Hickman County farmers are responsible for feeding thousands of people and employing thousands more with the farming they do on their land. Also, farmers in this county are even better stewards of the resources they are entrusted with. With their farming practices, they decrease the amount of erosion and chemical runoff from their farms. This helps greatly with water quality and with neighbors down the stream. Agriculture is something that always has, and always will, affect Hickman County and its residents.

Q. How is the weather lately affecting the agriculture in our area?

A. The weather has affected the crops and planting tremendously. This time last year the temperature was in the eighties and planting was well under way. This year, it has been extremely wet and cool the first week of Spring. Anhydrous is being put down in front of planting corn, but thus far, the conditions for planting are not desirable, and the future crops and farmers will be affected.

Q. What did the Hickman County Chapter of Future Farmers of America do to celebrate National Agriculture Week?

A. Last week, the Hickman County FFA had the local newspapers come and interview students in the Ag Construction classes. They identified small engine parts and showed progress and transition in the greenhouse from hydroponics to nursery plants.

Q. What are some upcoming events for the Hickman County Chapter of FFA?

A. The Future Farmers of America have a lot of events and outings planned for the remainder of the school year. They will be participating in the Plant the Town event and the annual Chicken Fest. They will also be traveling to Murray State University for its FFA Field Day. Finally, the FFA annual banquet will be held on May 2nd.

The Way I See It

by Daniel Richardson

Washington, we have a problem

I read tonight that there are certain Republicans in Washington "coming out" in support of same-sex marriage. Traditionally, republicans and conservative democrats are the only people standing in the way of the progressive agenda of same-sex marriage advocates, and now some of them are abandoning their values.

That's a problem.

Personally, I am a big believer in individual rights. I believe that if two men or two women wish to be in an intimate relationship, buy a house, have two dogs and a cat, and live out their days joyous and gay, they should be able to. I think it's wrong morally, spiritually, and on so many other levels, but in this country they have that right, and there is nothing I can do about what strangers do behind closed doors.

However, if two men are madly in love, I don't want to see it, I don't want to be around it, I don't want my children to be around it, I don't want innocent and impressionable children to be thrown into that household with no choice of their own, and I certainly do not want to pay for it.

To me, that is what same-sex marriage is all about – paying for it. I am a very economically minded person, so most of the time with me it comes down to dollars and sense (yes, I mean sense). Marriage, as far as the government is concerned, is about economics. I know that's not what most people think of when they see the bride walking down the aisle in a beautiful wedding gown, and to most people, marriage is a social and religious union. But all of those things can be achieved without a document from the courthouse, which is what the fight is about in Washington. From a governmental standpoint, a marriage is an economic union of two people.

When a couple gets married, it is generally seen as a benefit to society and that view is supported by our tax code. Same-sex enthusiasts want the tax breaks and economic benefits of a marriage that is sanctioned by our government. Currently, there is nothing that stops two men or two women from going on a date, moving in together, going in together and buying a house, or (unfortunately) adopting a child. They can even "get married" by vowing to love one another as long as they both shall live. The only thing they will achieve by a government-sanctioned marriage is the economic advantage of tax breaks and other economic benefits.

Much effort is aimed at pulling the wool over the publics eye on this issue, and politicians say things such as, "I've come to the conclusion that for me, personally, I think this is something that we should allow people to do, to get married, and to have the joy and stability of marriage that I've had for over 26 years," (Sen. Rob Portman (R) Ohio, to CNN chief congressional correspondent Dana Bash. Statements like this are aimed specifically to target the public's sentimental side, to get them to show compassion for those with other beliefs.

Well, Mr. Portman, there is nothing stopping them from enjoying a stable relationship for 26 years, just don't make me pay for it. And don't make me raise my daughter in a world where she is considered a closed-minded bigot for upholding the biblical definition of marriage. That's the way I see it.

ATTENTION
RESIDENTS OF CLINTON

The City of Clinton is considering submitting an application to the state for a grant to provide housing repair assistance.
It is anticipated that approximately eight to nine homeowners would receive assistance, if the City received funding. Affordable and forgivable loans would be provided.
The City wants to determine the need and community interest in this project and to identify homeowners who would like to participate. Participation would be strictly on a voluntary basis
If your home needs repair and you may be interested in participating, please fill out a client survey application form that is available at the Purchase Area Development District and City Hall. We will continue to receive applications through May 1, 2013.
In order to be eligible you must meet the eligibility requirements listed below:
1. Low income homeowner (see income limits below).
2. You must own your home and occupy it as your primary residence, unless you were forced to relocate recently due to the unlivable condition of your home.
3, Reside within the city limits.
4. Resident of you current home at least one year
5. Property owner is current on city, county, state, and federal taxes.
6. Home rehabilitation or reconstruction is needed to remedy a hazardous condition, or to remedy a condition will cause immediate deterioration of the structure, or to provide safe and decent living conditions, or to provide handicap accessibility.
7. Your home-site must meet cleanliness standards.
Priority will be established based on income, need for repair, age, and disability. Those who have received prior assistance will have a lower priority. Homes located in a flood zone or other areas of environmental concern may receive a lower priority.
Questions may be addressed to the Purchase Area Development District at 247-7171 or the City of Clinton at 653-6419. If you are disable and need assistance, or need assistance in filling out the client survey, please let us know, we will be happy to help.
Household Income Limits, based on gross total annual anticipated family income:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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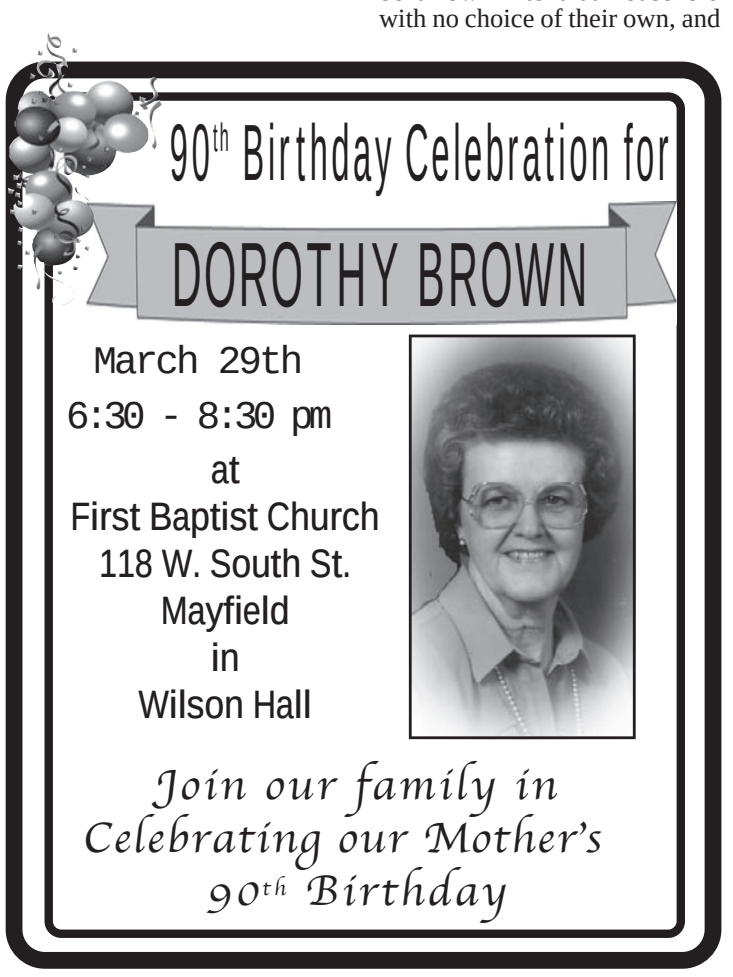

COMMITTEE SEEKS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The 2013 Business and Industry Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Thursday night, May 2, 2013 at the Columbus – Belmont State Park activities building. The night is always filled with a number of recognitions and awards for community organizations and citizens involved in making Hickman County a better place to live and work.

The evening always concludes with the naming of a Citizen of the Year. The Citizen of the Year award committee is now seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year from anyone in Hickman County. Any Hickman County citizen is welcome to submit a nomination by mailing it to the HCEDA, Inc. at 102 E. Jackson, Clinton, Ky. 42031. Nominations should be received no later than April 3, 2013. Nominators should provide the name and address of their nominee, as well as the reason they believe the nominee should receive this honor. Please send a letter with the information above, as well as the name, address and phone number of the person providing the nomination so that the committee can contact you if necessary.

Community News

Area Obituary

Justin James

Justin James, 33, of Princeton, died Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at his home.

He was a Princeton police officer, a member of Second Baptist Church in Clinton and a U.S. Marine veteran.

Surviving are is wife, Heather Dupass James; his parents, Rocky and Beverly James of Arlington, Ky.; one son, Cameron Lee Warfield; one daughter, Sophia Jaqlyn Arlene James; maternal grandparents, Carl and Hilda Cannon of Arlington; one sister, Lindsey (Seth) McPherson of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were at 11 a.m. Friday, March 22 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Revs. Rick Burton and David Gossum officiated, with burial with Military rites at Berkley Cemetery in Carlisle County.

Paul Koerner

Paul William Koerner, 97, of Clinton, Ky. died Saturday, March 23, 2013.

He was a member of North Marshall Church of Christ and was a retired farmer.

Surviving are his son, Danny Koerner; one sister, Melva Petway; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma; one son, Robert Eston Koerner; one brother, Robert Koerner; and one sister, Louise Reed. His parents were Gottlieb W.A. and Sophronia Herzog Koerner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at Collier Funeral Home in Benton, Ky. Interment will follow at New Hope Cemetery.

Senior Chatter with Tammie

Our Biggest Loser winner was Mason Crider with a total weight loss of 82 lbs. We are so proud of him. Following him the ones that lost weight were: Tim Dixon 19 lbs., Tammie Sanderson 12 lbs., Amy Fuller 10 lbs., Jetty Dixon 8 lbs. and Shannon Conroy 7 lbs. Let's get ready for round two. Come in and join us. The cost is $10 up front, which goes to the Biggest Loser and $5 a month for our monthly meetings to inspire and encourage.

Our potato fundraiser is this Thursday and we are taking orders today. Just call 653-4314 and place your order or fax it to us at 653-2124. Thank you for supporting us.

If you know of any senior that needs to be called during the day because he/she lives alone we would appreciate you letting us know. Then, we will be happy to call him/her each day to make sure he/she is doing well. If you know of a senior that is 60 or older and would enjoy coming to our Adult Day Care T-F from 9:30 am-2:30 p.m., please call us and let us know. Our seniors participate in activities daily and have breakfast, lunch, and a snack provided.

If you are concerned about a senior or you yourself are one and need a daily hot lunch, please come by the senior center and we will sign you up. We want to help every senior we can. So, do not hesitate to come by where we can be of service to you

Do you want to learn to dance? I would like to start ballroom dancing at our center. If you think that is a good idea let me know. Also, if you can help with the dance classes please call me and I will work around you schedule.

We are still having our Chronic Disease Self Management seminar on Wednesdays. You can come any Wednesday to participate in this interactive seminar that is geared toward anyone that is 60 years and older. If you attend all sessions you will get a free text book and the relaxation CD.

If you would like to be an escort driver to take a senior to a doctor's appointment or to work in our facility as a fill in position, please come by and give me your name and number. You will have to have a current TB skin test and sign up for CPR and First Aid. I will do a criminal background check on you and you can be an escort or work on as needed basis.

Aerobics are at the Hickman County Senior Center on Tuesday and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.. It's $3 per time and if you come twice in a week it is $5. If you are a member in our workout facility, you can add $10 to that and have unlimited exercise and aerobics twice a week. We have been doing Zumba, but we are willing to do a class of lower impact at 6:30 p.m. as well. The exercise facility is starting to get more members now. The first time is free and each additional time during your first month is $3.

If you would like to rent our building for a birthday, anniversary, baby shower, etc., the rental fee is $50 with a $25 cleaning fee. The cleaning fee is returned if you leave the building in good condition. We appreciate your support.

Activities for the week

3/27 -10 a.m.- Living a healthy life • 10 a.m.-Chronic disease self management • 1:30 p.m. - Board games of choice.

3/28 - Potato Day funraiser • 10:30 a.m. - Bingo bonanza • 12:30 p.m. - Karaoke/Marge Black & friends • 1/6 p.m. - Card players.

3/29 - Good Friday/center closed

4/1 - 10 a.m.- Healthy eating habits.

4/2 - 10:30 a.m. Bunny Bingo • 12:30 p.m. - Music melodies with ribbon exercises.

Our Menu for the week
March 27 - April 2

Wednesday, March 27 - Pork roast, pinto beans, turnip greens, baked apples, cornbread muffin and skim milk.

Thursday, March 28 - Meat loaf, oven browned potatoes, creamy cole slaw, wheat bread, margarine cup, fruit cup and skim milk.

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday. Center closed.

Monday, April 1 - Baked pork chops, new potatoes, buttered green peas, whole wheat roll, orange sherbet and skim milk.

Tuesday, April 2 - Baked chicken, oriental vegetables, rice, whole wheat roll, margarine cup, granola/ peaches and skim milk.

Emily Kimbell, from the KY Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, will be speaking on April 3 at 1:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars for this special speaker. We are happy that our community supports us so much and we can't wait for a visit from you.

Have a fantastic week!

Second Baptist News
By Cynthia Walton

The children had a good time at the Resurrection Egg Hunt on Saturday. After they found lots of candy filled eggs, they told the Easter story with the Resurrection eggs. They had a light lunch afterwards.

Several of our youth went to see The Promise at Trace Creek Baptist Church on Friday night.

Sunday morning Raleigh Cox made her debut as singer singing Jesus Loves Me, with a little help from Uncle Brent and cousin Tanner.

Bro. Dustin's message was from Matthew 16: 24-28. He asked, "What's the gain in your life?"

On Sunday night we had our 4th Sunday singing and celebration supper. Special music was by the choir, Janice Glasco, Hilda Cannon and a group sang "I Got So Much To Thank Him For." Brandon Hannon signed to music.

Next Sunday at 6 a.m. we will have Sunrise service with Bro. Ike Murphy from Enon Baptist Church beginning the message. Breakfast will be served afterward. Everyone is invited to join us. We will not have night services.

There will be a Corn Hole tournament on March 30 with proceeds going to benefit the youth. Sign in is at 12 noon and cost is $20 per team.

Happy birthday this week to Cindy Cannon, Justin Ballard, Hilda Cannon, Dicky Burpo and Harold Griffin.

Special prayers for the James and Cannon families. Others on our prayer list were Kenny Tyler, Dorothy Hoskins, Bernice Malone, Ronald and Carolyn Stairs, Fred and Phyllis Cox, James Gray, Jessica Boaz, Marcie Redden, Alan Tankersley, Wilma King, Ruth Jewell, Sherry Jones, Jackie Ballard, Gerald Roper, Eloise Harrison, Mildred Morrison, Josephine Shadwick, Josh Harpole, Helen Holmes, Austin Upshaw and Ruth Brewer.

Josh Harpole and his family are getting a trip to Disney World next week by the Dream Factory. We hope they have a great time.

Have a blessed Easter!

The Wilderness Voice
By Pastor Tom Hoskins

SECRETS. We all have our secrets. Even we Christians hide behind the facade of our religion like a gladiator hiding behind his shield. At times we get bold, or is it brash, and pray, "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!" (Psalm 39:23). But do we actually mean it? What really lurks in the dark dungeon of our hearts? Are we ready to have them exposed—even before the One who already knows all about them? (Deut. 29:29). And we certainly don't want to "Confess our faults, (weakness, blame, imperfection) one to another" (James 5:16). WOW! Spiritual suicide socially. So, we grab another mask, fig leaf, and we keep on moving, hoping no one will find out the truth, but deep down knowing that He knows if no one else does.

Sunrise service will be at Mt. Sinai M.B. Church March 31 at 6 a.m.

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a Sunrise Service on March 31 at 6 a.m.

Host guest will be New Beginnings Ministries of Water Valley, Ky. Pastor Buster Johnson. Breakfast will be served. Everyone is invited.

Pastor, Tony Johnson, Sr.

Chairman, Johnnie Mason

Moore's Chapel A.M.E. will have "The Last Seven Saying of Christ" on March 30

Saturday, March 30, Moore's Chapel A.M.E., 400 Angular St. in Clinton will have a program titled "The Last Seven Sayings of Christ." The program will start at 5 p.m.. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the presence of the Lord.

Extension District Board will meet March 29

. The Hickman County Extension District Board will be meeting on March 29, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Clinton Bank. All meetings are open to the public. Please contact Melissa Goodman, Hickman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, at 653-2231 for more information. Educational programs of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Hickman County Conservation Board to meet March 28

The Hickman County Conservation District, Board of Supervisors, will meet Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 A.M. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, 205 State Route 123 West, Clinton.

The public is invited to attend.

Holy Week Special Services at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Communion, Commemoration of the Last Supper, Jesus giving of a "New Commandment" – March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae, a Service of Shadows – March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service – March 31 at 6:45 a.m.

The Hickman County Gazette will be closed Firday, March 29 for Good Friday

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ON THIS DATE
3-22-13
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The Hickman County Fiscal Court has declared certain property surplus and offers it for sale to the highest bidder. Said surplus property is the excess tin removed from the county road department pole barn. This item will be offered for sale by sealed bid. Said sealed bid should be delivered to the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. until 4 p.m. on April 4, 2013. Said bids will be opened at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, 2013 in the April meeting of the Hickman County Fiscal Court.

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CAROLINE JONES a/k/a Caroline L. Jones RESPONDENT

By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered January 16, 2013, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the 11th day of April, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

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Said land lying in the N. W. corner of the S.W. Qtr. of Sec. 12, and the N.E. corner of the S.W. Qtr. of Sec. 11 T 1, R 2, W. and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: Beginning at a stake on the south side of the above-mintioned land 395 feet from the south side of said land 395 feet from S.E. corner of said land and running with said line of the south side of said land 174 feet to another stake on said line; THENCE 250 feet North to another stake; THENCE East and parallel with said south line 174 feet; THENCE South 250 feet to the beginning containing one acre of land.

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BEING the same property conveyed to Caroline L. Jones, unmarried, by deed date November 27, 2007 and recorded at Deed Book 117, Page 303 of the Hickman County Clerk's records.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions:

1. That the real property shall be sold as a whole as above-described to the highest and best bidder or bidders as a whole for CASH; or in the alternative, the Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser(s), one-third of the purchase price in cash together with bonds (for the remainder of the purchase price) in two equal installments with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest at the rate of 12 percent (12%) from the day of sale, due thirty (30) days post sale and payable to the master commissioner.

2. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, it shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes payable pursuant to this Order.

3. The bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain, and be a lien on the real property until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are fully paid.

4. The property shall be sold free and clear of all taxes, except the purchaser will assume payment of 2012 ad valorem taxes, and all subsequent years.

5. The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on said property to secure payment of said bond, if issued.

This sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

The undersigned commissioner does not have access to the inside of the above mentioned properties.

DATED the 20th day of March, 2013

Thomas H Bugg
THOMAS H. BUGG, MASTER COMMISSIONER
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-CI-00052

BANK OF AMERICA, NA PETITIONER

VS **ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO KRS 426.200 AND KRS 426.560**

BABETTE H. DOWDY aka Babette Dowdy, et al. DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered January 3, 2013, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the 28th day of March 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

6421 State Route 58 East, Clinton, Kentucky 42031
Parcel No.: 065-00-00-034.00
Legal Description:
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Hickman County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being a 1.3908-acre tract of land located on the south side of Kentucky Highway No. 58, in the Fulgham community, Hickman County, Kentucky, and being located in the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 2 West and being the same property conveyed to William Ables, as recorded in Deed Book 75, page 619 in the office of the County Clerk of Hickman County, Kentucky, plus a small tract located between the south right-ofway of Highway No. 58 and the center of the Old Clinton-Mayfield Road and identified as parcel 34, Tax Map 65, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a found "P-K" Nail at the intersection of the center of Kentucky Highway No. 58 with the center of Kentucky Highway No. 307; thence North 87 degrees 24 minutes 14 seconds west, a distance of 906.18 feet to a found iron pin in the South right-of-way of Kentucky Highway No. 58, said pin being the Northwest corner of a tract belonging to the Hickman County Fiscal Court (Deed Book 83, page 330) and being 30 feet South of the center of Highway No. 58, said pin also being the Point of Beginning of this described tract; thence south 02 degrees 00 minutes 02 seconds East, with the West line of the Hickman County tract, for a distance of 514.36 feet to a found iron pin at the Southwest corner of the Hickman County tract, said pin also being in a fence on the north line of a tract belonging to Barbara Mullins (Deed Book 99, page 143); thence North 84 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds West, with a fence on the north line of Mullins, for a distance of 121.53 feet to a set iron pin at the northwest corner of Mullins, said pin also being in a fence on the east line of a tract belonging to Herman Eastep (Deed Book 54, page 617): thence North 01 degrees 25 minutes 54 seconds West, with said fence and the east line of Eastep, for a distance of 512.39 feet to a set iron pin in the south right-of-way of Highway No. 58, said pin being 30 feet south of the center of Kentucky Highway No. 58; thence south 85 degree 05 minutes 30 seconds East, with the south right-of-way of Highway No. 58. for a distance of 116.24 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.3908 acres, according to a survey by Robert L. Nichols, KY RLS No. 2700, on December 19, 1997, with all bearings based on magnetic North.

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2. In the event that Plaintiff becomes the purchaser of the real estate at the Master Commissioner's sale, and if the Plaintiff's bid is less than its lien adjudged herein, Plaintiff may comply with the terms of sale by taking credit upon this Judgment without making the cash deposit or executing the sale bond as provided for in the Judgment.

3. The bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain, and be a lien on the real property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are fully paid.

4. The property shall be sold free and clear of the claims of the parites to this action, but it shall be sold subject to the following:

a. Current year real estate taxes not yet delinquent affecting the real estate for which the purchaser shall take no credit on the purchase price, and further any delinquent State, County and/or City real estate taxes sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action.

b. Easements, restrictions and stipulation of record.

c. Any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property.

d. Any current assessments for public improvements levied against the property.

5. The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on said property to secure payment of said bond, if issued.

This sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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DATED the 6 day of March, 2013

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HEALTH SCIENCE STUDENT OF THE MONTH - Hickman County High School student Breanna Beckham is the Health Science student of the month in March at the Fulton County Area Technology Center. (Photo submitted.)

FANTASTIC FALCONS - Brooklyn Kennedy, Kayleigh Felts, Zachary Clinard, Naasha Slinkard.

FANTASTIC FALCONS - Tolley Cole, Audrey Byassee, Derek Terry.

HONOR SOCIETY - Four Hickman County students were recently selected to the Future Educators Association's Honor Society. This honor is reserved for the FEA's highest achieving and most engaged members. Pictured from left are Hickman County High School Principal Larry Farlee, Jessica Cooley, Ashleigh Trevino, Jaren Guerin, Courtney Collier, and Alison Guerin, FEA sponsor.

Florence's award winning essay on Half Broke Horses

By Jade Florence

In Jeanette Walls' true-life novel Half Broke Horses, Lily Casey started helping her speech-impaired father train horses at the age of five. Raised on a farm in Salt Water, Texas, Lily was a daddy's girl who couldn't care less about her mother's worry about finding her a husband. Lily's father, Adam Casey, embraced his daughter's actions, and she was a big part of their farm's survival, keeping it from falling apart.

Lily's father started helping her train horses at the age of five. When she finally got the hang of it, she was put in charge of breaking horses. It wasn't like breaking wild mustangs, since the horses she broke had been raised on their farm since they were foals. In the novel, Lily broke the horses by riding them bareback, grabbing a handful of the horse's mane, giving them a nudge with her heels, and off she went till she got the horse to know where his or her place was (p.21). Breaking horses, I'm sure, is not that simple. In the novel, Lily talked about how "you never know what to expect from the horse," and she did get knocked off plenty of times (p. 21).

Lily's mom seemed protective and worried about Lily since she didn't think Lily was so ladylike. Lily breaking horses was not approved of by her mother. When Lily did have an unexpected encounter, getting thrown off her horse, it terrified her mother. Lily's father came to Lily and helped her up waving off her mother which meant everything would be fine. Once he finally reached her, he proclaimed "Most important thing in life is learning how to fall" (p. 21). Lily's father meant that when Lily fell it wasn't for nothing. In essence he was telling her to pick herself up. It was a small phrase that had so much more meaning. Lily's dad always talked about purpose--that there is a purpose for everything. When he told Lily that the most important thing in life was learning how to fall, he wasn't even referring to falling off the horse. He was saying in life when you fall you're learning how to fall better or easier, and once you have fallen, you learn how to pick yourself up and keep on going even better than the last time. Lily's dad was trying to tell that her falling was not a bad thing at all. She might have gotten cuts and scrapes along the way, but in the end each one was worth something. Something she will learn from.

"Most important thing in life is learning how to fall"-- Reading this statement made me pause and think. To me it is worthy of attention. It's significant to me because I have fallen in my life. I have made mistakes. Falling, making mistakes, or maybe life throwing something at you that you don't expect is important because it can not only teach you something, but once you have learned from it, you can help others who might be going through the same thing. Knowing you have fallen and letting others know you have too gives you an opportunity to help others who might have had trouble picking themselves up and moving on.

This quote means to me that learning how to fall isn't just about how or what way I choose to fall, but how I pick myself up. When I have fallen, in the past I have tended to stay there mentally and emotionally. I have gotten myself stuck. I have had to learn to keep going and not stay in that state of mind. Embracing the unexpected as well as the expected in life can be a lot simpler and freer.

Walls, Jeannette. Half-Broke Horses. New York: Scribner, 2009.

MEET AND GREET - Hickman County student Jade Florence, right, enjoyed the unique experience of meeting Jeanette Walls, author of New York Times bestseller Half Broke Horses after writing an award-winning essay.

Local student meets New York Times bestselling author

"[The] most important thing in life is learning how to fall." It was this key line from Jeannette Walls' New York Times bestseller *Half Broke Horses* that inspired HCHS student Jade Florence to write an award winning essay. In addition to receiving a $25 check for her writing, Florence was recently invited to meet the best-selling author as part of a culmination of events sponsored by West Kentucky Community and Technical College in conjunction with this year's One Book, One Campus, One Community celebration. HCHS students were encouraged to check out the book from the high school library and enter the essay contest. Florence, a sophomore, was commended by the book's author for being able to pick up on this pivotal quote which states a theme that runs throughout the plot of Walls' "true life novel" about the life of her strong-willed grandmother Lily Casey Smith.

Falcons still getting their feet wet

While scheduled to play three games last week, the Hickman County Falcons were rained out for two of their matchups, and played at Heath last Tuesday.

Billy Speed pitched for most of the game, with Steven Allen coming in for two innings. The Falcons lost the matchup 8-1.

"My biggest concern right now is our offence," Falcon head coach Shane Midyett said after the game. The Falcons had six hits during the game, with Austin Boaz going two for four with one double, Christian Gardner going one for two, Zach Howard going 1 for three with an RBI, and Alec Spillman going two for three. Monday's game against Fulton City was rained out, and Midyett suspected that Tuesday's game in Fulton would also be rained out.

"We're getting better every game," Midyett said, who is looking forward to seeing how the season progresses.

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Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George and Lynn Yarbro

Activities: FCCLA, Science Club, TAG Team, H-club, and HOSA.
Accomplishments: Received MVP for volleyball (Sp.). All district team for basketball (Sp., Jr.). Academic award for having a GPA of 3.7 or above (4 yrs.). Class placed third for the Spanish Video competition at Murray State University. Chosen for the all-region team for volleyball (Sp., Jr.). Member of the Advisor Council Committee and the Gender Equity Committee.
Future Plans: Attend WKCTC and major in nursing and be a phlebotomist.

Feature Appearance by:
KAYLA MCKENZIE ROACH

Granddaughter of Vickie and Darrell Carter

Activities: Vice President of TAG Team (Teen Abstinence Group) Member of H-club, Green team, and the Hickman County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.
Accomplishments: Made the All-American Cheerleading team and was in the Disney Christmas Parade on Christmas morning. Maintains a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
Future plans: I plan to attend a 4-year college in Kentucky and graduate with a bachelor's degree in either accounting or engineering. After college I'm planning on pursuing the career in the FBI.

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Runners prepare for Chicken Fest 5K and 10K

Runners across the region are getting ready for the third annual "Chicken Festival Walk/Run" 5K and 10K event. The event will be held during the Spring Chicken Festival downtown Clinton on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Registration will begin at 8 at the First Community Bank drive thru window area. The 10K event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K event will begin at 9 a.m. The starting line and finish line will be located in front of First Community Bank.

All participants will receive a t-shirt and goodie bag. Registration forms can be picked up at businesses around town, and participants can also register online at www.active.com.

Pre-registration is $15 for the 5K and $20 for the 10K until April 13. After April 13, registration is $20 for the 5K and $25 for the 10K.

Those with questions can email awilliford98@yahoo.com or call Jimbo Berry at 270-653-2131. The event is sponsored by H&R Agri-Power, Crop Production Cervices, and Clinton-Hickman ICF.

HAPPY HUNTING - Other children also had successful hunts at the Arbor Place. Wes Carter, top, and Javen Kimmons are shown with their prizes.

GRAND PRIZE - Laraysia Deboe, center, found the Golden Egg during the Arbor Place's Easter egg hunt on Friday afternoon. She is shown with her father, Kendrick Cooper, and her mother, Letoya Deboe.

Performing Arts

SCHOOL PLAY - On Friday and Saturday night, Hickman County High School students performed scenes from variouse plays. Above from left: Terrence Russell and Paul Barnette battle it out with kitchen utincils while Adrian McClain, Johanna Fuller, and Peyton Rodriguez talk among themselves. At left, from left: Johanna Fuller is swept off her feet by her computer generated boyfriend who is played by Paul Barnett while Melody Russel looks on.

Local student names MCU Teen of the Week

By Laurel Black
Special from
The Paducah Sun

When it comes to her community, Amanda Blalock has never been content to sit on the sidelines.

A look at the Hickman County High School senior's list of awards and achievements shows her involvement in everything from mentoring younger students to volunteering at Civil War Days in Columbus-Belmont State Park.

Blalock said she stays involved because it puts her in touch with people she wouldn't otherwise meet.

"I like to meet new people and carry on conversations that are not your ordinary conversations," Blalock said.

Amanda Blalock, daughter of Tim and Jennifer Blalock, is the Mid-Continent University Teen of the Week. Each Monday, the Sun features a different MCU Teen of the Week selected from nominees whom guidance counselors throughout western Kentucky and southern Illinois submit to the Sun. Mid-Continent University will provide each Teen of the Week with a $2,500 annual scholarship to its university, which is renewable for four years. In the spring, a Teen of the Year will be chosen from the weekly winners. The Teen of the Year is eligible for a full four-year scholarship to Mid-Continent University or a cash award of $2,500, paid through the Paducah Sun, if the student selects another college to attend.

Blalock said she's most active in her role as president of her school's science club. She recently organized a trip to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, where she and other science club members made blankets for patients.

"We (in the club) normally take a trip to St. Jude anyway, but we didn't want to just take a tour. We wanted to actually do something," Blalock said.

The motivation behind Blalock's community service is simple. She enjoys knowing that she's bettered people's lives.

"I like to make a difference and help," she said. The results of Blalock's efforts can be seen around Clinton. She's part of a youth leadership group funded by the local chamber of commerce, and said some of the ideas they've come up with - like the annual Plant the Town project - have been implemented.

Blalock doesn't slack off in the realm of academics, either. Not only has she maintained straight A's through her school career; she also takes college-level courses online through the Falcon Academy at her school. She prefers scientific and mathematical subjects, and hopes to pursue a career as an optometrist after earning a degree at Western Kentucky University.

"I'm very hard on myself," Blalock said in reference to her schoolwork. She's been part of the academic team since fourth grade, and recalled how she and her older cousins would spend most summers playing "school."

"To do the more challenging stuff really excited me," she said. "My family, they push me to do the best that I can."

Ran in the Paducah Sun on March 25, 2013.

Photo by Charlotte Smith

SPRING SNOW - Now into the second week of Spring, Hickman County was the recipient of a late snow flurry on Monday afternoon.

An Easter Prayer and Declaration

By Duane H. Lyon,
Hornbeak, Tenn.

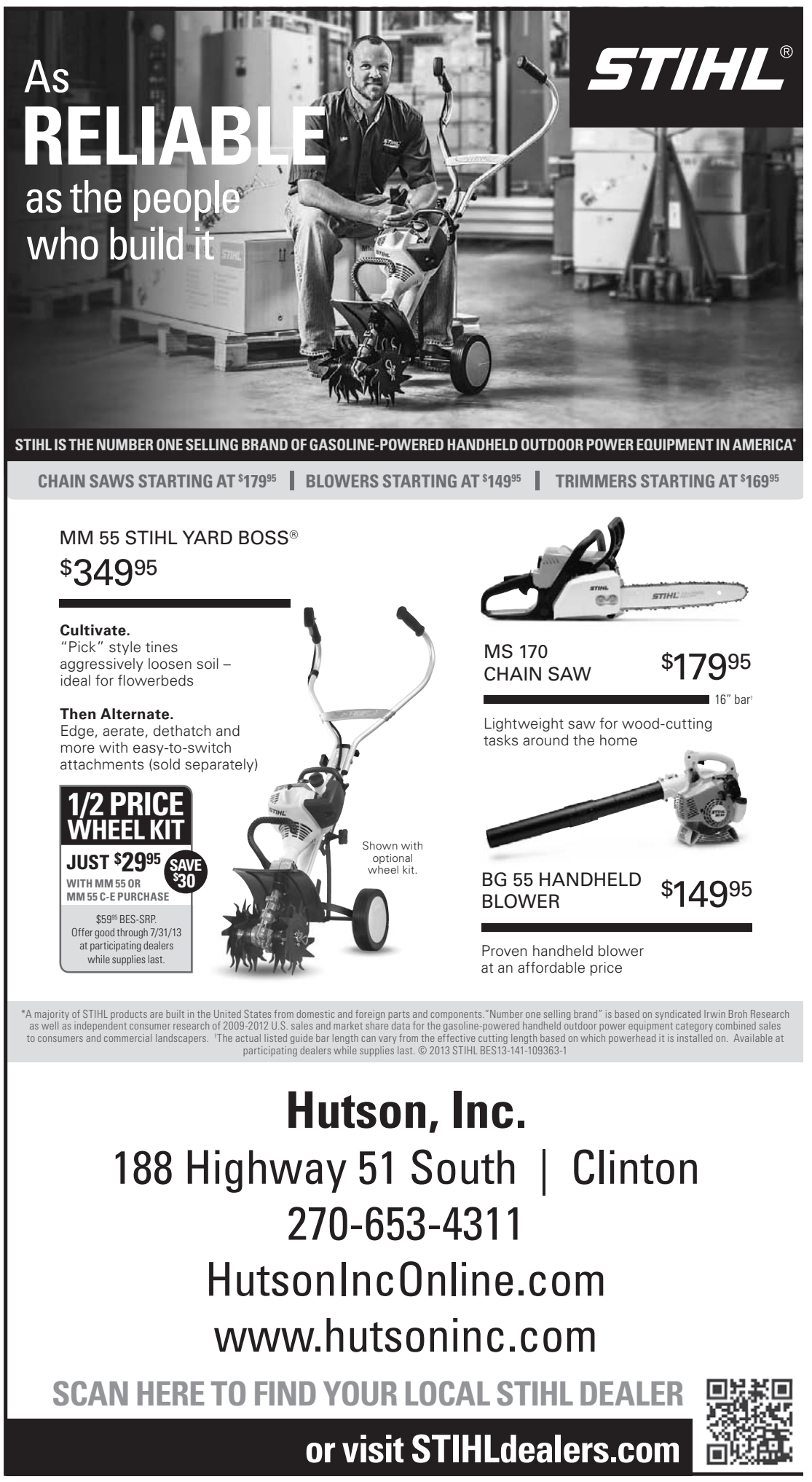
King of Israel, My Sweet Lord and Savior, Good Resurrection Morn, I worship, I adore You my Redeemer, my Hope, my true Love, Holy King of the Jews, King of me!

I need You today, tomorrow, and forever. Fill me with Your compassion, Your thoughts, Your ways.

Master of all, please give me Your eyes.

You were despised and rejected.
I know You love me.
You were a man of sorrows and the bitterest grief.
I know You love me.
You were wounded, striped, and bruised for my sin.
I know You love me.
You were chastised and lashed.
I know You love me.
You were oppressed and afflicted.
I know You love me.
You were persecuted in prison, at trial, and on the cross.
I know You love me.
Your skin hung as ribbons,
Your beard was ripped from Your face.
I know You love me.
You never sinned, thought or spoke evil.
I know You love me.
You were condemned, stricken, and smitten, most beloved innocent One.
I know You love me.
You hung in holiness, pureness, and suffered in silence, naked on a tree You grew.
I know You love me.
Your blood dripped from Your (victory crown) of thorns that pierced Your precious head, nails scarred Your healing hands and Your beautiful, lovely feet.
I know You love me.
Your blood ran to the rock of Golgotha (skull) and dust of the ground.
I know You love me.
You are my Rock, Fortress, and Sure Foundation,
You remembered I am dust.
I know You love me.
You were buried like a criminal in a rich man's grave, hidden from the world You created, laid behind a stone.
I know You love me.
The sepulcher (tomb) is empty; my new heart is filled with the great joy of eternal life.
I know You love me.
I love You. Thank You.
Jesus, You are the Resurrection and the Life.
I am a child of the Resurrection.
Today I will walk in the power of Your Resurrection.
Now I will live a Resurrected Life.
I will live forever with You.
I am a First Resurrection Saint.

By Duane H. Lyon, Hornbeak, Tennessee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